



# **P R O G R A M** **2008 DISABILITY ACCESS** **C O N F E R E N C E** *Design for All*



**October 16, 2008**

Ala Moana Hotel  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

***This year's workshops  
will focus on:***

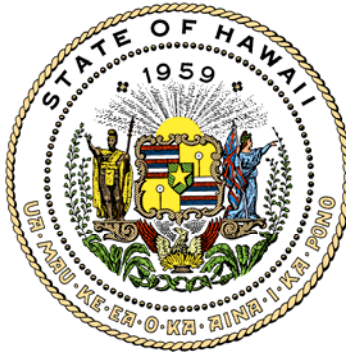
Department of Justice's Legal Updates  
Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines  
Historic Preservation & Accessible Design  
PROW & Curb Ramps  
Designing Accessible Facilities

**Presented by the:**

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*Message from Governor Linda Lingle*

*and*

*Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.*

*presented to the*

## **DISABILITY ACCESS CONFERENCE**

### **OCTOBER 16, 2008**

On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, we send our personal greetings of aloha to everyone gathered at the Ala Moana Hotel for the 2008 Disability Access Conference.

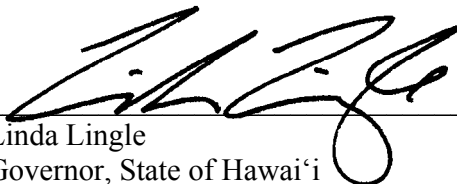
This year's conference will be full of valuable information that has the potential to change people's lives for the better. Among the topics discussed will be the history and future of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), aging in place and a legal update on the Fair Housing Act.

Accessibility is important to the Lingle-Aiona Administration, and Hawai'i is stricter than many other states in applying the ADA to its own projects, requiring practices that go above and beyond what is required by the letter of the federal law.

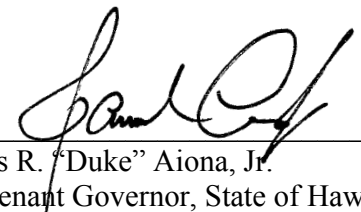
We believe that accessibility for all unites the community. In this spirit, we hope that each of you will learn from the conference speakers and each other, and use this information for the betterment of the people of Hawai'i.

We send our best wishes for a successful, informative event and offer our congratulations to all of tonight's winners of the second annual Accessible Design Awards.

Aloha,



Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



## WELCOME & INFORMATION

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee we would like to welcome you to the 2008 Disability Access Conference. Our Conference is being held on the second floor of the Ala Moana Hotel.

The following are some helpful hints during the Conference:

- Continental breakfast will be served in the Hibiscus Ballroom from 7:30 - 8:30 am.
- Parking \$2 with validation (Validation is available at the Registration Desk).
- Restrooms are located on the second floor adjacent to the elevators (see map insert).
- Sign language interpreters and other communication assistants have been scheduled as requested on the Registration Form, if registered before September 30, 2008. Please check with the Conference Registration Desk if you have any questions.
- Alternate formats have been made for sessions as requested on the Registration Form. Please pick up alternate formats at the Conference Registration Desk.
- Accessible Design Awards Presentation will begin in the Hibiscus Ballroom at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served at 12:40 pm.

Please fill out the evaluation sheet for the conference and return it to session room monitors or the Conference Registration Desk upon your completion of the last session. Your feedback will help us plan future conferences. Should you wish to provide us with more comments or suggestions please feel free to e-mail us at the Disability and Communication Access Board: [dcab@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:dcab@doh.hawaii.gov).



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Karen L. Braitmayer**, FAIA, Principal and co-founder of Studio Pacifica in Seattle, Washington. Ms. Braitmayer holds a Master's of Architecture from the University of Houston. Consulting for accessibility grew out of her personal experience as a member of the disability community and as a licensed architect and has remained a prime area of interest for her since 1990. She provides consulting services now to local jurisdictions, school districts, architects, engineers, companies and individuals concerned with complying with Federal laws and State codes.

**John L. Wodatch**, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, is responsible for the enforcement of Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He is a civil rights attorney with over 30 years experience with the Federal Government, specializing in the rights of persons with disabilities. He plays a key role in developing Administration policy on the Americans with Disabilities Act and is the chief author of the Department of Justice's ADA regulations and of the Federal regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, a Master's of Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**7:30 am - 8:15 am**  
**REGISTRATION**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST / PLENARY SESSION**

**“Beyond Form And Function: The Beauty Of Inclusion”**

Incorporating accessibility and universal design solutions create opportunities for excellent designs and successful projects. Architect and accessibility consultant, Karen L. Braitmayer, FAIA, will discuss why projects that make accessibility a central design priority from the early stages of the design process are so successful on many levels. She will share illustrations from large and small projects, highlighting the core concepts of inclusive entry and circulation, how those can affect the space and volume, how to encourage full participation in our environment and the details of using the building. **Speaker: Karen L. Braitmayer, FAIA/Studio Pacifica, Seattle, WA (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)**

**9:40 am - 10:40 am**  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session #A1 - “Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines” (2 hour double session)**

This 2-hour session will focus on the design of multi-family dwelling units to meet the Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines. This session will explain each design guideline and requirement. Practical examples of what does and does not comply will also be covered. **Speaker: Mark Mazz, AIA (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)**

**Session #B1 - “Recreational Facilities: Lessons Learned”**

This session will use actual project experience and examples to discuss some of the challenges encountered in the design of accessible recreational facilities. Come and hear directly from those involved in these projects as to the challenges they’ve encountered and how problems were resolved to meet the accessibility guidelines. **Speakers: Dean Aoki/State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) & James Komata/County of Hawaii (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)**

**Session #C1 - “Non-Residential Accessibility Guidelines: Which Ones Apply To My Project”**

This presentation will review the various accessibility guidelines available and how to determine which ones should be applied to non-residential projects. The presentation will include those required under Hawaii Revised Statutes 103-50 and best practice guidelines such as the Outdoor Developed Area Accessibility Guidelines and the Recreation Guidelines published by the U.S. Access Board. **Speaker: Mona Higa, DCAB (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)**

**Session #D1 - “Toilet Rooms & Bathrooms: Accessible Design”**

Come and learn what makes for an accessible toilet room and bathroom. This session will cover the accessibility guidelines for new construction and alterations and will review some of the common errors and frequently asked questions. **Speaker: Bill Hecker, AIA (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)**



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (cont.)

### 10:50 am - 11:50 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Session #A2 - "Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines" (continued from Session #A1)**

This session is a continuation of Session #A1 - "Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines." **Speaker: Mark Mazz, AIA** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #B2 - "Public Right-Of-Way: Best Practice"**

This session will cover designing for accessibility in the public right-of-way. The presentation will review accessible routes, slopes and elements for new construction and alterations and discuss best practices for design. **Speaker: Bill Hecker, AIA** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #C2 - "Residential & Housing Guidelines: Which Ones Apply To My Project"**

This presentation will review the various accessibility guidelines relating to residential facilities and residential developments, and how to determine which guidelines apply to your project. **Speaker: Mona Higa, DCAB** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #D2 - "Non-Residential Accessible Design"**

Need a refresher on building design and accessibility? Learn to confidently design to the non-residential requirements of the accessibility sections of the code and federal standards. Karen L. Braitmayer, FAIA will review subtle differences and significant similarities between the current editions of the IBC/ANSI and the ADAAG, highlighting what architects and designers need to know to use both effectively. **Speaker: Karen L. Braitmayer, FAIA/Studio Pacifica, Seattle, WA** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

### 12:00 pm - 12:40 pm ACCESSIBLE DESIGN AWARDS - Hibiscus Ballroom

Presented by: Russ Saito, Comptroller  
State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services

### 12:40 pm - 2:00 pm LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Hibiscus Ballroom

#### **Keynote: "The ADA: Then, Now, And Into The Future"**

An insider's perspective on the development and passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), an update on where the ADA is now, and a discussion about where it might be going.

**Speaker: John L. Wodatch/U.S. Department of Justice, Washington D.C.** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

### 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Session #A3 - "Make Your House A Home For A Lifetime"**

According to the Agency on Aging, one in every eight people is considered an "older" American. Most importantly, these older Americans want to remain in their homes and age in place. This seminar will share simple solutions, strategies and techniques for designing and building aesthetically pleasing, barrier-free living environments. **Speaker: Bonnie Osaki/Graham Builders** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (cont.)

### 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS (cont.)

#### **Session #B3 - "Accessible Parking: Planning & Design"**

Come and learn what is required in the design of accessible parking and van accessible parking spaces. Also learn about the elements that make up accessible passenger loading areas. The session will present actual examples to explain why some designs just don't work. **Speaker: Curtis Motoyama, DCAB** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #C3 - "DOJ Legal Update: ADA Title II Facilities"**

This session will review some of the latest court cases and U.S. DOJ rulings that have been made in the last few years with regards to Title II facilities covered by the ADA. **Speaker: John L. Wodatch/U.S. DOJ, Washington D.C.** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #D3 - "Historic Properties: Designing For Access"**

This session will discuss some of the challenges encountered in the design of historic buildings and facilities and how to make them accessible. This presentation will share some of the lessons learned and the challenges faced from those most familiar with these types of projects. **Speakers: Susan Tasaki/State Historic Preservation Division, DLNR & Tonia Moy/Fung Associates, Inc.** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

### 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Session #A4 - "Fair Housing Act Legal Updates"**

This session will review some of the latest court cases and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) findings that have been made in the last few years with regards to the Fair Housing Act and multi-family dwellings. **Speaker: Mark Mazz, AIA** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #B4 - "Curb Ramps In Hawaii: Design & Construction"**

Designing accessible curb ramps can prove to be a challenge, especially here in Hawaii with our ever varying topography. This session will cover lessons learned, discuss best practice recommendations, inspection criteria and construction tolerances for the design of curb ramps in new construction and alterations. **Speaker: Benjamin Gorospe/State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT)** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #C4 - "DOJ Legal Update: ADA Title III Facilities"**

This session will review some of the latest court cases and U.S. DOJ's rulings that have been made in the last few years with regards to places of public accommodation and commercial facilities covered by Title III of the ADA. **Speaker: John L. Wodatch/U.S. DOJ, Washington D.C.** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)

#### **Session #D4 - "DAGS & DOE Facilities: Lessons Learned"**

This session will use actual project experience and examples to discuss some of the challenges encountered in the design of accessible schools and public facilities. Come and hear first hand from those involved in these types of projects. They will share the challenges they encountered, the problems they resolved, and the lessons they learned in meeting the various accessibility requirements. **Speakers: Eric Nishimoto/State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) & Duane Kashiwai/State of Hawaii Department of Education (DOE)** (AIA/CES: 1 HSW LU)



## MAINLAND SPEAKERS

**Bill Hecker**, AIA, specializes in accessible design and is an architect licensed in his home state of Alabama as well as Georgia and Colorado. For more than 12 years he has been an expert witness retained by the U.S. DOJ to represent the United States in both ADA and Fair Housing Act enforcement efforts. He also consults with developers and designers on what can be done to better ensure that buildings are universally accessible.

**Mark Mazz**, AIA. Since 1977, he has been responsible for the accessibility projects in his private practice and in other offices where he received awards for his barrier-free design and planning work. He has worked for both the U.S. DOJ and the U.S. HUD and has focused his career on the ADA, Fair Housing, Section 504, and the Architectural Barriers Act. He has lectured from Honolulu to Vilnius, Lithuania about accessible design and survey techniques.



## LOCAL SPEAKERS

**Dean Aoki**, ADA Coordinator, State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. As an architect with 15 years of accessibility experience, he is challenged with intriguing compliance issues involving recreational parks, boating, fishing, camping, hiking trails, and hunting while balancing them within treasured historical facilities, respected cultural heritage, and protected natural resources and monuments.

**Benjamin Gorospe**, ADA Coordinator, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights. He is responsible for coordinating and overseeing ADA compliance requirements with the ADA (Title II) and related Federal Highways and state regulations. Prior to joining DOT in October 2003, he was the Facility Access Coordinator with the Disability and Communication Access Board. He has approximately 18 years of experience working with ADA issues - his ADA experience includes overseeing DOT's transition plan projects, architectural and site plan reviews, ADAAG training, inspections, and developing Departmental ADA policies and procedures.

**Duane Kashiwai**, Public Works Administrator, State of Hawaii Department of Education, Facilities Development Branch. He is the administrator of the branch responsible for the design and construction of all new schools and facilities and major renovation and repair work at all 261 existing public schools statewide.

**James Komata**, Park Planner for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the County of Hawaii. As Park Planner, James is responsible for the oversight of all park related planning, development, major repairs and maintenance and capital improvement projects for the County. One of the primary focuses for the Department is implementation of its Transition Plan in order to provide programmatic access to all existing county parks and recreation facilities island-wide, an effort that has been in progress from before his tenure at the County.

**Tonia Moy**, Associate/Director of Preservation, Fung Associates, Inc. Before joining Fung Associates, Inc. in 2004, Tonia Moy was the Architecture Branch Chief of the State Historic Preservation Division and is now an Executive Board Member of Historic Hawaii Foundation. Before that she held the title of Historic Preservation Specialist in the State Historic Preservation Division for 9 years. She received her Bachelor in Fine Arts and Masters in Architecture from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



## LOCAL SPEAKERS

**Eric Nishimoto**, Management Branch Chief, State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Public Works Division. Eric manages the activities of the Project Management Branch which is generally for the design phase of Public Works Division projects.

**Bonnie Osaki**, Director of Customer Care, Graham Builders. She oversees customer relations and consults with clients on the initial planning stages of their home project. Bonnie has been with the local design-build company since 2005. She is one of only three Certified Aging in Place Specialists (CAPS) in the state and was the very first person on Oahu to be distinguished with this title. She is an expert on this subject and lectures frequently throughout Oahu to educate others. She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with Bachelor's Degree in Merchandising and a minor in marketing.

**Susan Tasaki**, Historic Architect, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), State of Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division. She has been the Historic Architect in the DLNR's Historic Preservation Division for the last 5-1/2 years. Prior to her work as a Historic Preservation Specialist, Susan was with the Disability and Communication Access Board, which was then known as the Commission on Persons with Disabilities where she was a Facility Access Specialist for 10 years. She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor's Degrees in Arts, Fine Arts, and Architecture.